

## Legal Notice

### State Plant Board Quarterly Meeting and Public Hearings

The Arkansas State Plant Board will meet at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at the State Plant Board offices, #1 Natural Resources, Drive, Little Rock, AR.

#### 1. **Public Hearings:**

- a) **Public hearing** to comply with the provisions of Acts 586 and 587 of 2001 and to maintain uniform standards with the other states, the State Plant Board will consider for adoption the current year issue of the Annual Book of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards and the 2003 amendments, as proposed by the National Weights and Measures Conference (NCWM), to the 2004 year issues of the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices, and Handbook 130, Uniform Laws and Regulations in the Areas of Legal Metrology and Engine Fuel Quality.

A complete copy of the rule can be obtained by calling the Plant Board at 501-225-1598.

If you wish to submit a written comment on the above mentioned public hearing, please send written comment to the Arkansas State Plant Board, PO Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203, or fax to 501-562-7605. All written comments must be received beginning May 14, 2004 through the close of business on June 22, 2004 to be considered. Oral comment may be made at the public hearing.

- b) **Public Hearing** on a proposed Boll Weevil Quarantine. This proposed rule will regulate movement of cotton plants, plant parts, cotton equipment and some cotton products from areas that have not accomplished boll weevil eradication into areas that have eradicate or essentially eradicated the boll weevil.

This rule is necessary to allow regulation of relatively small areas of activity and prevent establishment of a state wide Federal Quarantine.

A complete copy of the rule can be obtained by calling the Plant Board at 501-225-1598.

If you wish to submit a written comment on the above mentioned public hearing, please send written comment to the Arkansas State Plant Board, PO Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203, or fax to 501-225-3590. All written comments must be received

by close of business on June 18, 2004 to be considered. Oral comment may be made at the public hearing.

- c) **Public hearing** on proposed Bakanae (Rice Foolish Seedling Disease) Quarantine. This proposed rule will regulate movement of rice and rice products that originate in areas that have been confirmed to be infested with Bakanae (Rice Foolish Seedling Disease) or the organism *Gibberella fujikuroi*, the causal agent of the disease, into Arkansas. The environmental conditions usually experienced in the Rice farming areas of the state could allow a rapid and devastating proliferation of the disease.

This rule is necessary to prevent introduction and/or establishment of the disease or causal agent into Arkansas.

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- d) **Public hearing** to consider the following changes in the seed regulations:

The Plant Board recently directed the Seed Division to formulate a proposed regulation to amend the seed regulations in Circular 15: Official Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas (Under Act 73, sections 2-18-101 - 2-18-108 A.S.A. 1947):

- 1) to allow the AOSCA (Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies) standards for the Marion variety of Striate Lespedeza.
- 2) to allow Registered grade Certified Seed production to be packaged in new bulk containers, for all crops, with restrictions on the lot size, setting the limit at 3,000 bushels per lot.

A complete copy of the rule can be obtained by calling the Plant Board at 501-225-1598.

If you wish to submit a written comment on the above mentioned public hearing, please send written comment to the Arkansas State Plant Board, PO Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203, or fax to 501-225-7213. All written comments must be

received by close of business on June 22, 2004 to be considered. Oral comment may be made at the public hearing.

- e) **Public hearing** on proposed changes to the regulations written pursuant to the

Pesticide Use And Application Act. These proposed changes will correct a designation error made in a previous change of these regulations and remove some obsolete references that are no longer relevant.

A complete copy of the rule can be obtained by calling the Plant Board at 501-225-1598.

The public comment period will begin on May 21, 2004 and will last for 30 days. Written comments should be sent to: Arkansas State Plant Board, P.O. Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203-1069, Attn. Micheal J. Thompson. Oral comments may be made at the public hearing.

- f) **Public hearing** on proposed changes to the Arkansas Regulations On Pesticide Classification. These proposed changes will 1) require that commercial applicators maintain written documentation of application equipment set up on file for reference by Plant Board Inspectors, 2) reduce the four mile buffer zone between cotton and 2,4-D applications to two (2) miles for aerial application between April 15 and September 15 and, 3) to allow consenting growers to waive the buffer zone restriction.

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The public comment period will begin on May 21, 2004 and will last for 30 days. Written comments should be sent to: Arkansas State Plant Board, P.O. Box 1069, Little Rock, AR 72203-1069, Attn. Micheal J. Thompson. Oral comments may be made at the public hearing.

2. Approval of pest control exam grades
3. Standing Committee Reports
4. Other business

Board meetings are open to the public. For further information concerning the meeting, contact Darryl Little, Director, at 501-225-1598.

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Darryl Little, Director